Watershed Stream School: Techniques to Monitor and Protect Your Local Stream

Date & Time: April 28 & 29, 2009, 8:45am - 4:00pm

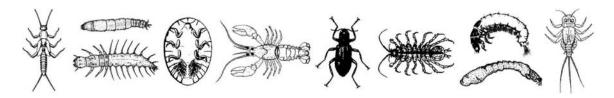
Featured Stream: Wickecheoke Creek – a C1 stream of New Jersey

Location: Historic Prallsville Mills along the Scenic Delaware River

13 miles north of Trenton, Route 29, Stockton, NJ

Presenters: Stroud Water Research Center, New Jersey Watershed

Watch, and Delaware Riverkeeper Network



Ever wonder how you can determine if your local stream is healthy or polluted? Are you already a stream monitor but want to expand your toolbox of skills? Do you wonder what data your watershed group can gather to help better protect or restore streams in your communities? Or are you new to the water world and just curious of what insects and critters live in your local stream and want to get involved protecting them? Then Stream School is for you!

Topics covered:

- Physical and Biological Aspects of Stream Ecology and the River Continuum Concept
- Considerations for Designing a Biological Monitoring Program that Fits Your Goals
- Biological Sampling Techniques, Demonstrations, and Hands-On Training
- Macroinvertebrate Identification and Taxonomic Keys
- Data Analysis and Data to Action Tools
- Regional Resources and Networking Opportunities
- Good Times Along the Scenic Delaware River

This two-day interactive classroom and field workshop will help participants learn about stream health by examining the critters that live there year-round and call it home. You will learn how to collect and count macroinvertebrates and turn that information into a health report for your local stream. You will learn effective methods to take action with this information to protect your stream if it is healthy or document harm and pollution to help clean it up if it is not. Follow-up help is also available to watershed groups who attend.

Register now below to reserve your spot or to learn more contact: Danielle Donkersloot, 609-633-9241; <u>Danielle.Donkersloot@dep.state.nj.us</u> or Faith Zerbe, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, 215-369-1188 ext. 110; <u>faith@delawareriverkeeper.org</u>

Important Details & What to Bring Along:

- ⇒ Dress for the field and bring waders or high waterproof boots if you have them (we will have some extra waders available)
- ⇒ Bring a bag lunch and water. We will provide bagels & coffee in the morning
- ⇒ If you need local hotel information, visit www.delawareriverkeeper.org and click on Watershed Stream School Workshop on our homepage or contact faith@delawareriverkeeper.org
- ⇒ Plan to join us for a hike and dinner after the workshop on Tuesday (optional)

More on the Presenters: The Stroud Water Research Center is internationally acclaimed for its pioneering scientific research of streams and rivers. The scientists work in interdisciplinary research teams, blending their individual talents in a variety of technical fields to study processes of our rivers, the life histories of individual organisms, and the ecology of watersheds. New Jersey Watershed Watch is a branch of the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection that works hand-in-hand with watershed groups throughout the state to elevate the profile and credibility of volunteer monitoring programs. Delaware Riverkeeper Network has a 15-year old volunteer monitoring program that uses data collected by citizens and scientists to speak for the streams of the Delaware River Watershed. Come on out and join us for Stream School!

Watershed Watch Network Council Members

Delaware Riverkeeper Network Great Swamp Watershed Association Pequannock River Coalition South Branch Watershed Association Upper Raritan Watershed Association Delaware River Basin Commission Hackensack Riverkeeper Pompeston Creek Watershed Association Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association US Environmental Protection Agency

Crafts Creek and Springhill Brook Watershed Association

Watershed Stream School Registration Form - April 28 and 29, 2009

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2009 – make checks payable to Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Workshop Fee: \$20 per person or \$30 for two members per volunteer watershed group

Scholarship Information: If you are a volunteer monitor or a member of a local watershed group and you need a scholarship or partial stipend to attend, contact Faith at 215-369-1188 ext. 110. (call early as scholarships are limited)

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Affiliation (if any):	Phone:
	Tuesday evening hike and/or dinner (check if you want to join us)
Do you currently mo	onitor the health of your local stream? Yes
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